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Unified Carrier Registration



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UCR-California-Current

- UCR-Federal Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005.
- UCR in California, effective Jan. 1, 2007.
- UCR enforcement, began November 15, 2007.
- CHP is the enforcement agency.





Motor Vehicles Subject to UCR

Commercial Motor Vehicles

- Motor carriers who operate commercial motor vehicles – per 7232(d) Revenue and Taxation Code (RTC).
- Reference definition used for the MCP.
- 34601 CVC is consistent with 7232(d) RTC.





Interstate Commerce Defined

49 CFR 390.5

- Interstate commerce means trade, traffic, or transportation in the United States.





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Between a place in a State and a place outside of such State (including a place outside of the United States).



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Between two places in a State through another State or a place outside of the United States.



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Between two places in a State as part of trade, traffic, or transportation originating or terminating outside the State or the United States.



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Empty Intermodal Freight Containers

- Motor carriers transporting empty intermodal freight containers within the state are deemed to be operating in interstate commerce.
- These motor carriers are NOT required to obtain an MCP permit.
- These motor carriers are not required to display a CA number when displaying a US DOT number.





Empty Intermodal Freight Containers

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- The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) concluded that each segment of the transportation of these intermodal containers, including any repositioning movement, is part of a continuous movement in foreign commerce and these containers should be considered to be in interstate commerce.





About UCR

- Motor Carriers file with the state where the carrier's principal place of business is located if that state is a participating UCR state. If not, file in the participating state where the most vehicles operate.





UCR – TITLE 49 CFR

- Title 49 CFR – Transportation CHAPTER III
– FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
- Department of Transportation PART 367 Title 49 CFR
– STANDARDS FOR REGISTRATION WITH STATES
- Definitions – Sec. 367.1(b) 49 CFR Motor carrier and carrier. A person authorized to engage in the transportation of passengers or property, as a common or contract carrier, in interstate or foreign commerce, under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13902.





UCR Applicability - Property

- 16560(a) CVC – Interstate or foreign transportation of property, other than household goods, must comply with the requirements of Section 7232 of the RTC.
 - Failure to comply is a misdemeanor.





UCR Applicability – Property

- Interstate or foreign transportation of property for compensation.
- Carriers must register in the state where their operation is based.
- Pursuant to the Federal UCR Act of 2005.





UCR Application - Property

- To obtain UCR information contact:
 - California DMV (916) 657-8153.
 - Motor Carrier Services Branch
P.O. Box 932370
Sacramento, CA 94232-3700
- Payment options: Check or money order.





Additional UCR Facts

- No cab card requirement.
- An official copy of the UCR registration receipt is NOT required to be carried in the motor vehicle.
- UCR is valid for the calendar year: Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31.
- The UCR is not technically an "operating authority" it is a "registration."





Applications in General

- Applies to power units only.
- Prerequisite: Satisfied one of the requirements for an Interstate Certificate of Authority or US DOT registration:
 - US DOT number
 - Interstate Authority Order(s) ICC/FHWA
 - Permanent Certificate or Permit
 - Temporary Authority (TA)
 - Emergency Temporary Authority (ETA)





UCR On – Highway Enforcement

- There is NO delay or withhold of enforcement at the beginning of the year.
- CHP 407F – No fine, no fees, no points, no penalties.
- CHP 281 – No fine, no fees, no points, no penalties.
- CHP 215 – Fine, fees, court, etc., proof of correction.





FMCSA MC Authority On-Highway Enforcement

- Commercial Motor Vehicle operated without Federal Authority Issued:
- CHP 215.
- Vehicle may be impounded 34518 CVC (22651.4 CVC).





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